

Tank Closure EIS project on target to support cleanup

A team of more than 60 people from 12 companies worked for the past four months to prepare eight documents called data packages to support the *Environmental Impact Statement for Retrieval, Treatment, and Disposal of Tank Waste and Closure of Single-Shell Tanks at the Hanford Site*. The EIS will support decisions on supplemental tank waste treatment and tank closure by the Department of Energy's Office of River Protection.

ORP and its independent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) contractor, Science Applications International Corporation, will use the data packages as a starting point to develop analyses and assess the alternatives. The draft EIS is scheduled for release and public comment in October. Completion of the EIS is an essential step for Hanford's cleanup mission, including single-shell tank-waste retrieval and tank-farm closure.

The data packages include information on the following:

- Inventory (what's in the tanks)
- Waste Disposal
- Safety
- No Action Baseline
- Retrieval and Storage
- Assessment Guidance
- Tank Closure
- Supplemental Treatment.

More information on this EIS can be found on the Web at: http://www.hanford.gov/homepage/articles/Notice_of_Intent_010803.pdf. ■